

Comments

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has amended claim 18. Claims 1-34 have been allowed. Claims 1-34 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

I. Drawings

It is asserted in the Office Action that the drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include reference characters not mentioned in the description. Applicant has amended Figures 7, 11, 12, 13, 14B, 14C, 16A, 16B, 17 and 18 to overcome the objections under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) and submits corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). Approval is respectfully requested.

II. Specification and Claims

The specification, on page 11, line 7, Page 13, lines 19 and 28, and page 14, line 1 has been amended responsive to informalities as noted by the Examiner. Applicant further amended Claim 18 responsive to informalities as noted by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all outstanding requirements have been complied with and the claims pending for examination, namely claims 1-34 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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